

SAB Minutes: May 15, 2025 by video

1. Call to order at 6:01

- **Members present:** Roberto Baturoni, Mike Carlson, Rob Kugler, Victoria Meier, Dan Reesor and Greg Smith
- **City officials present:** Dylan Digby, (had to leave suddenly for an emergency) and Councilor Leo Groner
- **Guest speakers:** Parks Director Megan Big John, Paramatrix Rep. Grace Thirkill

2. Public comments - none

3. Check-in - none

4. Approval of April minutes - Greg moved to approval; Mike seconded. Unanimous approval.

5. Megan Big John: Gave a summary of what she and the two arborists shared with the council on Monday, May 5, in their presentation on a revised tree code for the residents:

- Parks Director Megan Big John—presentation of tree code. “I am an arborist”. There is a consulting arborist as well. The code needs to be identifiable. It is a process. Our current code is not; there are two parts of the code: 1) residential; 2) community development code. She explained the process thoroughly, showing why it is unwieldy. We are looking for a true arborists. We are trying to make it more workable and yet meet with legal requirements. We have met with several city presentations. We must do the following:
 - Update definitions;
 - Clarify rules;
 - Process codes;
 - Create an approved tree list.
 - Create a fee schedule for permits. “We are not allowed to charge for tree certification.” Looking to change that to allow the council to charge a fee if needed.
 - Tree inventory - she's very supportive
 - A work plan update is likely in September.
 - Greg mentioned the possibility of the high school assisting with the tree inventory. Does it make sense to involve students to do it? Response—MBG will connect us with a Lake Oswego rep who did something similar. Will email us who to talk to.
 - She will send us more info. and will do a presentation to the Parks Advisory Board, too. We should reach out to her by May 30 if there are fixes we recommend because it goes to council on June 7th.

- We can partner with Parks Dept. on tree inventory specific to the parks dept.

6. Representative Grace Thirkill from Paramatrix: was asked about

A) a rough game plan for things we should be addressing in the next 4-5 years:

- Greg—what should we focus on in the near future? Response—finding long term funding and capacity building.
- Rob—are there examples of municipalizes collaborating? Response—resilience side. For example, wildfire response collaboration is working well now.

B) assistance with grant writing, perhaps a list or some contacts

- Not recommending federal grant opportunities, given the level of uncertainty.
- Focus instead on state or private grants.
- Greg—is Grace Thirkill familiar with Bioregional financing? Response—has not heard of this.
- Victoria—is there a list of grant contacts? Response—They're creating a grant writing spreadsheet that SAB can utilize.
- Rob—question about timeline of funding. Response—public and private partnerships take time to develop. Plan on several years of relationship building.
- Greg—who should be involved in relationship building? Staff, SAB, etc? response—all of the above.
- Greg—gave example of climate resilience bill. What are suggestions for an affluent community? Response—try partnering with other committees to create coalitions to facilitate projects.
- Megan—has data and research on EV landscaping equipment and is happy to meet with us in the future.
- Dan—do you have specific examples of small communities who work together? Response—yes, she will follow up with examples.
- Dylan—improvements on HVAC
- Greg—will check on getting a copy of the PP slides.

7. Greg and Victoria: reported on what they learned at the City Council work session on Monday, May 5, concerning the sustainability of the new operations building.

- Greg—the public works building will not be LEED certified because of expense., but they will follow many of the standards. We raised questions about if there are new EV charges at new facility and asked if conduits will be installed for future updates of EV chargers. Can we include the architect in a future SAB meeting, perhaps early fall?

- We asked if the building would be able to survive natural disasters, such as an ice storm. Generators will be in place fueled by diesel, which is installed close by.
- We asked about the building using alternative energy resources, but that doesn't seem to be part of this building.
- Victoria—the building is to be constructed with same wood as the PDX building. Also, to protect the wetlands there, they designed 3 buildings instead of one.
- Mike—pre-installing electric conduits really isn't necessary.
- Can we go to site with architect? Most people said yes.

8. Education efforts updates: More specific plans for the Old Time Fair.

- Fair is in two months. About the T-shirts: get back by email. Mike liked the design. Cost right now is around \$25 per T shirt.
- Greg—garden club is interested in joining us at the table.
- Greg gave an update on the Waterfront project.

9. We read through the list of Action Items generated from our last meeting. Most had been accomplished. See below.

10. New business - none

11. Adjourned at 7:20